

Final Minutes
Sewage Handling Disposal Advisory Committee Meeting
December 16, 2005

The Sewage Handling and Disposal Advisory Committee met on Friday, December 16, 2005 at 10:00 am at the James Madison Building, Fifth Floor Conference Room Richmond.

The following committee members were present: Donald Alexander, Beth Baldwin, James Hall, John Harper, Jeff Howeth, Curtis Moore (sitting in for Mike Lynn), James Pyne, Calmet Sawyer. New members present: William Keeling, Department of Conservation and Recreation; Robert Lee, Virginia Association of Counties; Pat O'Hare, Home Builders Association of Virginia; Joel Pinnix, Consulting Engineers Council and Tom Basham, Virginia Society of Professional Engineers and serving as Chairman for the Committee. Also present was Donna Tiller, serving as Secretary to the Committee.

The following visitors were present: Bob Mayer and Tom Ashton, American Manufacturing; Tom Joy, P.E. and Allen Knapp, Office of Environmental Health Services.

Tom Basham, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

The minutes were approved as written from November 29, 2004 meeting.

Two meeting dates were set for 2006: February 24th and April 7th.

Under **New Business**: The meeting started with introductions and Donald Alexander quoted Section 50 of the *Sewage Handling and Disposal Regulations* regarding committee functions.

Donald Alexander then stated starting January 31, 2006, weekly meetings are scheduled to re-write the *Sewage Handling and Disposal Regulations* (Regulations). The current Regulations will be withdrawn and totally new ones will be submitted in their place, which will include three key goals: Performance Based Requirements; Simplified Prescriptive Requirements and Inspection Requirements. The meeting will not be by video conference, but, is open to anyone who wants to attend in the Fifth Floor Conference Room at the Madison Building. This Advisory Committee will be getting periodic reports on how the Regulations are going and hold meetings based on need from the outcome of those meetings. In addition, Don stated that minutes of the meetings will be taken and posted on the website "immediately". This will keep anyone interested on the latest developments and revisions.

Then the committee discussed the possibility of reviewing GMPs and comment on them before they go out to the field staff and on the website. Don stated he is working on one now on secondary effluent systems that the committee has seen before. The committee asked for an opportunity to review and comment on the document before publishing it and Don agreed.

American Manufacturing then gave a presentation on the "PERC-RITE Drip Dispersal System". This is a Pre-engineered system that has been reviewed by Tom Joy, PE and John Schofield, P.E. and is up before the committee to review and give recommendations on approval under GMP #125. After much discussion on this subject, there was a motion by Robert Lee: *Get suggestions and recommend approval of pre-engineered concept, subject to, the addition of start up paperwork and front page verification of flow chart.* The flow chart is intended to verify that the proposed system complies with the exemptions to the practice of engineering found in GMP #125. Jeff Howeth seconded the motion. Joel Pinnix against. The motion passed and the committee also agreed that once the additional information is submitted to VDH, the Division can approve the submittal without the committee voting again.

The SeptiTech Review is to be continued at the next meeting. Don will need to copy entire manual and send to the members for review, there was not enough information at the meeting to vote on approval.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.